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Senator Orrin Hatch
104 Hart
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hatch and Leahy:

We at Progress Center for Independent Living are extremely concerned about the permanent appointment of Jeffrey Sutton to the Sixth Court of Appeals. He has proven over and over that his decisions support neither equal nor civil rights and, in fact, support segregation in the United States. We have come too far and fought too hard to let ideals contrary to our founding ideals creep into the judiciary system under the cover of such a respected and powerful position.

We wholeheartedly request that Jeffrey Sutton not receive confirmation—not receive the vote of confidence that says his values are compatible with those of our nation.

Sincerely,

Diane Coleman, JD
Executive Director